Assistance to Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal

†255. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the States are not making full use of the Central assistance received under various schemes;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal under various heads during the last three years;

(c) whether the State Governments have utilised the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the heads under which this amount has not been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Finance Ministry releases the amounts on recommendations of Planning Commission or Administrative Ministry concerned, made after taking into account utilisation status.

Statement

Central assistance provided by Ministry of Finance to Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during last 3 years

(Rs. in crores)

Plan Scheme	Himachal Pradesh			Uttaranchal		
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Normal Central Assistance	529.50	593.45	645.06	538.00	581.80	630.41
ACA for Slum Development	1.00	0.77	0.00	1.82	1.73	1.73
Special Plan Assistance	200.00	233.00	433.00	300.00	250.00	250.00
Special Central Assistance	38.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCA for Border Areas	19.31	10.98	4.16	2.08	5.23	4.16
Additional Central Assistance	115.00	97.17	130.76	253.37	194.83	308.24
ACA for EAPs.	38.16	33.99	21.83	17.41	200.71	115.17

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CLA for AIBP	3.24	8.15	14.69	0.00	25.16	25.55
ACA for PMGY (other than rural roads)	83.48	70.00	70.00	35.87	70.00	70.00
ACA for APDP/APDRP	0.00	43.04	120.87	0.00	200.80	6.13
Assistance for Rural Electrification**	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	70.00	70.00
ACA for NSAP**	0.00	2.73	2.05	0.00	4.56	6.08
ACA for URIF*	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACA for RSVY**	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACA for NPAG*	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.66
TOTAL :	1027.69	1295.28	1450.46	1148.55	1604.82	1488.13

* Started from the year 2003-04

** Started from the year 2002-03

Collection of service tax

256. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to grant the State Government a major role in the collection of service tax;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether action will be taken to exempt tax on husk, plantation leaves and mats made of pandunas leaves and impose tax on rubber, pepper, cardamom, cashew and tea at the last point of purchase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) In pursuance to the Constitution (Eighty Eighth Amendment) Act, 2003, a draft legislation detailing the principles of collection and appropriation of service tax is under consideration of Government of India in consultation with the States.

(c) and (d) As per the provisions of the Constitution of India, taxes on sale or purchase of goods within a State is a State subject. Therefore, only State Governments have the power to exempt/impose tax at the last point of purchase.